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Lieutenant Governor
State of California

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Ms. Rhea DeHart, President
Board of Trustees
Pajaro Valley Unified School District
294 Green Valley Road
Watsonville, CA 95076

Dear President DeHart:

I write to express my support for the effort to name two new schools in Watsonville after civil rights leaders Dolores Huerta and the late Cesar E. Chavez.

Cesar E. Chavez and Dolores Huerta are two of the most influential leaders of our time and continue to be recognized as champions for education. Furthermore, their life stories represent the American dream and their legacies serve as an inspiration to all. The result of their sacrifices and dedication to the advancement of farmworker's civil and labor rights are felt well beyond the boundaries of our Golden State.

They are both shining examples of common people who accomplished uncommon things. Basing their organizing methods on the principles of non-violence that they learned by studying the philosophies of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Mahatma Ghandi, Cesar E. Chavez and Dolores Huerta were able to bring people together across gender, racial and ethnic lines. The farmworker labor movement has been a clear example of what can be achieved when people from all walks of life work together for a just cause.

I believe that naming the new middle and elementary schools in Watsonville after these exemplary leaders, who deeply supported students and education throughout their lives, will inspire future leaders to continue to promote equality and the protection of civil rights for all.

Again, I strongly encourage you to name two of Watsonville's newest schools after these honorable leaders. Thank you for your consideration.

With kindest regards,


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